(b) These projects have been examined and technically cleared by this Department and subsequently forwarded to the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance for posing to the bilateral agency. Administrative approval will be given only after the project is finally accepted by the Government of Netherlands.

Drinking water supply in Prakasam district in Andhra Pradesh

1164. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the revised project report for providing water supply to Kanigiri and 88 other villages of Prakasam district in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, by when administrative approval would be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This project has been examined and technically cleared by this Department and subsequently forwarded to the Department of Economic Affairs for posing to the bilateral agency (Govt. of Netherlands). Administrative approval would only be given after the project is finally accepted by the Govt. of Netherlands.

Hiring of godowns by CWC

1165. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CWC has been paying over Rs. 5 lakhs per month to Shree Ram Products for hiring godowns at Metiabruz in Calcutta;

(b) if so, the reasons for which drinking water, electricity, toilet etc. were not provided by the said Mill Owner to CWC staff; and

(c) the reasons for which heavy rain water entered into the most of the godowns?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) The Corporation has hired about sixty five thousand M.Ts. storage capacity from M/s. Shree Ram Jute Products Ltd. at a monthly rent of Rs. 5.50 lakhs at Metiabruz.

(b) These services have been provided by the godown owner. If there is no supply of electricity due to load shedding/power break down, the same is provided by operating generator.

(c) There may be some roof leakage due to heavy rains since these are old mill sheds. As and when there is such problem, the owner is attending to repairs as per the terms of agreement.

Losses to FCI

1166. SHRI PASUMPON THAKIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fertilizer Corporation of India has been incurring heavy losses year after year and the losses become accumulated to a staggering figure;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government have taken or proposed to take to restore this giant Pertilizer Corporation economically viable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of losses of the Ferlizer Corporation of India for the last

5 years and accumulated losses upto 31.3.90 are given below:—

Year	Loss (Rs. crores)
1985-86	129.38
1986-87	102.53
1987-88	42.66
1988-89	191.24
1989-90	164.80 (provisional)

Total accumulated losses upto 31.3.90 are Rs. 1235 crores (including provisional loss of 1989-90).

(c) The following steps have been taken/are proposed to be taken to improve the economic viability of FCI:—

(i) It is proposed to undertake Phase-I of the rehabilitation, including captive power plant, of Ramagundam plant at an estimated cost of Rs. 102.31 crores.

(ii) Revamping of Gorahpur plant at a cost of Rs. 66.65 crores has been approved. However, actual implementation would be taken up after the receipt of report of health study of the plant currently being carried out by the Projects & Development India Limited.

(iii) Non-plan budgetary support is being provided every year to enable the company to tide over its financial problems and to ensure uninterrupted supply of inputs.

Specific Technology to minimise impact of drought

1167. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the specific scientific technologies evolved to minimise the impact of the drought on the agricultural production during the current year; and

(b) how far the estimated targets for various items of foodgrains for the current year are likely to be achieved with the adoption and promotion of these technologies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Sir, the technologies evolved include (i) choice of suitable varieties of crops specifically idenfified for late sown conditions, (ii) recourse of even transplanting of millets such as pearl millet and finger millet, (iii) adoption of wide spacing with less number plant population, (iv) adoption of appropriate intercropping systems involving both short duration and long duration crops, (v) adoption of split application of fertiliser taking into account the occurrence of rains and soil moisture status, (vi) adoption of appropriate cultural operations for enhancing *in situ* moisture conservation and (vii) adoption of straw mulching for conservation of moisture.

(b) A target of 176.5 million tonnes of foodgrains production has been fixed for the year 1990-91. It comprises 73.7 million tonnes of rice, 54.5 million tonnes of wheat, 33.3 million tonnes of coarse cereals and 15 million tonnes of pulses. Adoption of the technologies mentioned in (a) above is likely to help in achieving the targets by minimising the impact of drought.

Rural Housing Schemes

1168. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given much importance for rural housing schemes and earlier programmes are being implemented with the cooperation of the State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and